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April 2014

**Lower Merion Historical Society's 65th Annual Meeting
Sunday, April 27, 2014
The Day's Agenda**

We start at the **Lower Merion Academy** at 11:30am with our Annual Business Meeting in the large meeting room on the first floor. The public is invited to attend. The agenda is as follows:

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Opening Remarks by the President

Our current Board of Directors consists of:

Officers:

- * President - Gerald A. Francis
- * Vice President - Kenneth L. Brier
- * Treasurer - Leon Levine
- * Corresponding Secretary - Stephen P. Selinger
- * Recording Secretary - Barbara C. McElroy
- * Immediate Past President - Edmund L. Goldsborough

Directors:

- * Class of 2015 - Joanne Murray, (vacant), (vacant)
 - * Class of 2016 - Max Buten, Alexander (Pete) Hoskins, (vacant)
 - * Class of 2017 - (vacant), (vacant), (vacant)
- Ad Hoc Solicitor:** James S. Ettelson, Esq. (appointed position)

Election of Directors

The Nominating Committee recommends the following slate of Officers to fill the following vacant positions.

- * Directors for the Class of 2015 - Louis Barson, Patrick A. Doyle, Sr. (1 year term)
- * Director for the Class of 2016 - Perrin C. Hamilton, Jr. (2 year term)
- * Directors for the Class of 2017 - John H. Hepp IV, Martha Moffat, Carole

Strickland

(3 year term)

Treasurer's Report

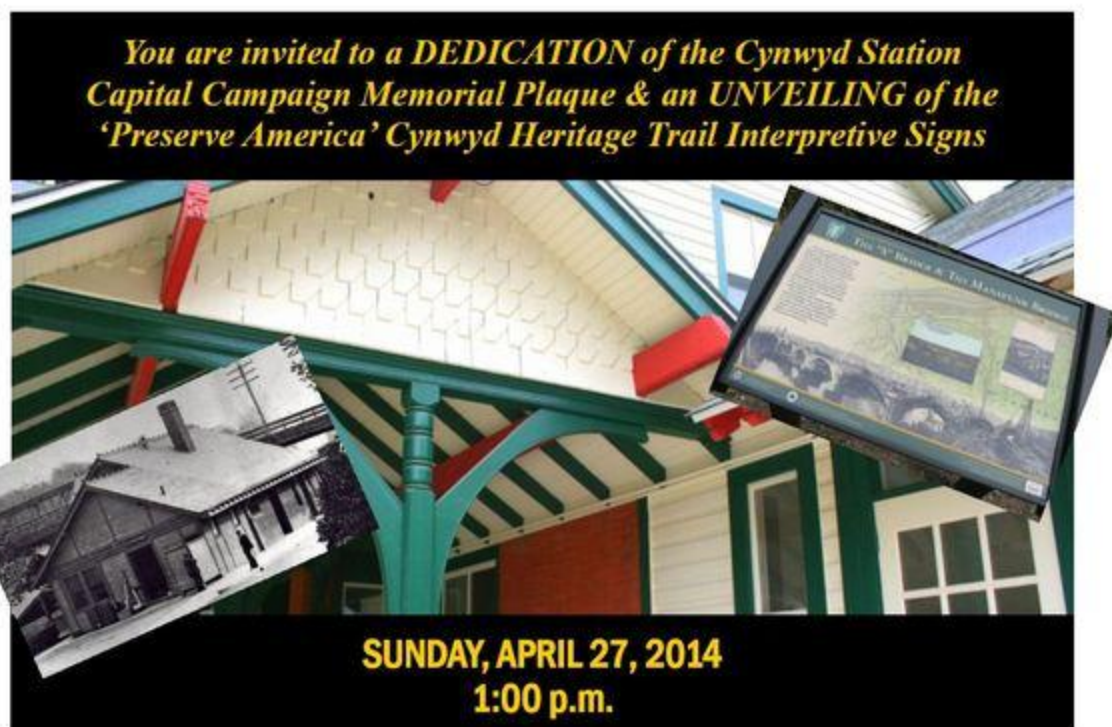
Old Business

- * Comments concerning the Lower Merion Academy
- * Comments concerning the Cynwyd Train Station

New Business

- * Question and Answer Session

The meeting will adjourn and reconvene at the **Cynwyd Train Station** at 1:00pm.



Six years ago, the Society agreed to take on *Cynwyd Train Station Revitalization Project* and restore and re-purpose the old 1890 PRR station. We have accomplished this goal; the first floor is used as a waiting room for the commuters, a trailhead information area, and a Victorian ice cream parlor and green community center with the second floor remodeled into caretaker apartment. The SEPTA station remains active on the *Cynwyd regional rail line*, is located along the *Cynwyd Heritage Trail*, and is adjacent to the one-acre *Cynwyd Station Park*. Come and meet many of your elected officials for the DEDICATION of the *Cynwyd Station Capital Campaign Memorial Plaque* that recognizes the organizations and people who made this revitalization a reality.

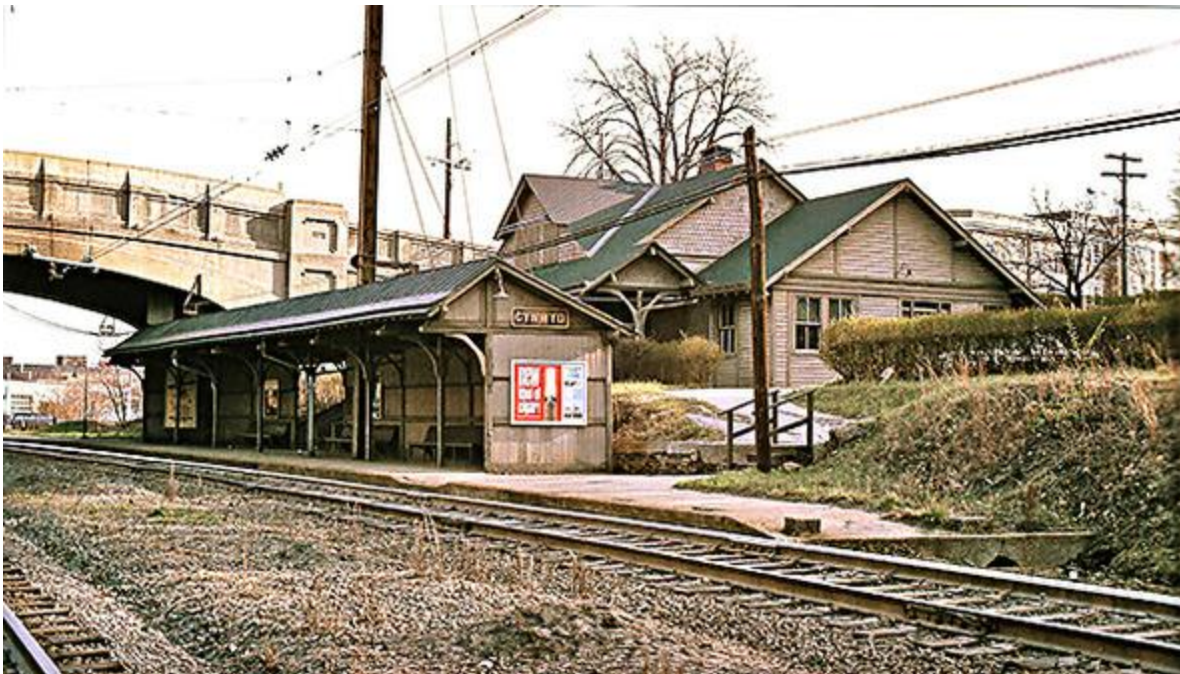
In addition, there will be the UNVEILING the '*Preserve America*' *Cynwyd Heritage Trail Interpretive Signs*. The U.S Department of Interior has designated the Township of Lower Merion a *Preserve America Community* and awarded the Township a *Preserve America Grant* to fund the development and manufacture of interpretive signs for the *Cynwyd Heritage Trail*. It has been a collaborative effort between the Township and the Historical Society's volunteers. These sixteen informative signs (24"x36") have been installed by the Township's Parks and Recreation Department along the trail to provide users of the Heritage Trail with information about the heritage of this 19th century industrial corridor.



To add to the festivities, in the **Cynwyd Station Park** there will be *The Second Annual Craft Fair and (Mostly) Native Plant Sale*. Join us for a deliriously good time, perusing the goods of local crafters, from natural beauty products, to jewelry, to handmade prints and enjoy some ice cream and milk shakes. Buy some (mostly) native plants for your garden. All proceeds go towards the rare native demonstration garden at *Cynwyd Station Park*.

Building Photographs - Preserving Today for Tomorrow's History

The April photo from our [Buildings web](#) shows part of our changing history:



The Cynwyd Station opened in 1890 as a depot for passenger, baggage, and freight traffic. This photo was taken by John Dziobko Jr. in 1965, when it was a commuter station run by Penn Central, successor to the Pennsylvania Railroad. The Montgomery Ave. bridge over the tracks is dated 1926; it was rebuilt in 1972.

Frank Karreman found this photo in "Pennsylvania Railroad Facilities in Color – Volume 3: Philadelphia Division" by Robert J Yanosey. Railfans can read the book at the Academy.

There are 487 photographs of the revitalization work on the station from 2008 to 2012 [here](#), and old and new photos of the station are [here](#).

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MISSION STATEMENT OF THE LOWER MERION HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Lower Merion Historical Society is an organization dedicated to *Preserving Our Past For The Future*. This is accomplished by stewardship of local history, education of the community, preservation of historic resources and outreach to promote awareness of the cultural heritage of the Township of Lower Merion and the Borough of Narberth.

